

# PROTECTING IRELAND ANNUAL CLAIMS REPORT 2018



In 2018, we paid €5.75 million on average each week for over 7,900 claims in total to people and families affected by illness and death.

However, there are still too many people in Ireland who are unprotected, or don't have sufficient protection for their needs.

Let's work together to change this.

See inside for further details.



# A SNAPSHOT OF OUR 2018 CLAIMS









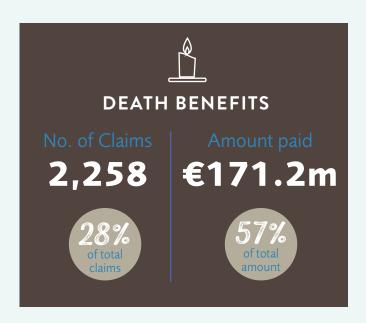




# ALMOST 3 OUT OF 4 CLAIMS PAID FOR LIVING BENEFITS

There's a lot more to Life Insurance than paying claims when people die. In fact, the majority of the claims we pay are for Living Benefits – such as lump sums for specified illnesses, and regular payments if you can't work due to accident or illness.







# LIVING BENEFITS

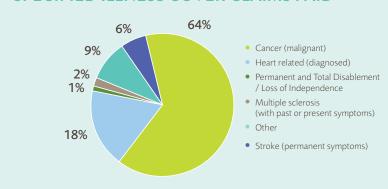
# 1. SPECIFIED ILLNESS COVER 2018 CLAIMS



The figures below are for claims paid by the Retail division of Irish Life.

Number of claims paid	897
Total amount paid out	€58.8 million
Average age of person claiming	53
Average claim amount	€65,598

## SPECIFIED ILLNESS COVER CLAIMS PAID



### **KEY FACTS**

- 2 in 3 specified illness cover claims were for cancer (malignant) followed by heart conditions (diagnosed).
- Specified illness cover claims for cancer up 8% in 2018.
- Breast cancer (malignant) was once again the most claimed for cancer overall.
- Over 1 in 3 adults claiming were aged under 50.
- Almost 1 in 5 malignant cancer claims were for those aged 41-50 years.

### **GENDER DIVERSITY**



- More claims for men 54% versus 44% for women.
- 3 in every 4 women's claims were for cancer (malignant).
- Four times more claims by men for heart related conditions (diagnosed).
- Strokes (permanent symptoms) were claimed for by men three times more than women.

# LIVING BENEFITS

# 2. INCOME PROTECTION **CLAIMS 2018**



The figures below are a combination of Retail and Corporate claims:

Number of claims paid	3,518
Total amount paid out	€61.8 million
Average age of person claiming	46
Average claim amount	€17,584

# **TOP 3 CAUSES OF CLAIMS**

20% Cancer

Musculoskeletal 19%

Mental health 19%

# **KEY FACTS**

- The percentage of claims relating to cancer have increased from 17% in 2015 to 20% in 2018.
- While up overall, the percentage of claims relating to mental health have reduced from 20% in 2015 to 19% in 2018.
- Almost 3 in 4 claims were for women
- Women claimed earlier than men 45 versus 48 years of age



# **DEATH BENEFIT**

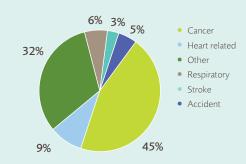
# **LIFE INSURANCE 2018 CLAIMS**



The figures below are for claims paid by the Retail division of Irish Life.

Number of claims paid	1,805
Total amount paid out	€119.6 million
Average age of people claiming	66
Average claim amount	€66,276

# LIFE INSURANCE CLAIMS PAID



# **KEY FACTS**

- Cancer was the biggest cause of claims up 14% in 2018.
- 1 in 10 adults claiming were under the age of 50.
- Claimants for accident deaths were aged 53 on average compared to aged 67 on average for other death claims overall. Claimants for road traffic accidents were on average aged 49.

### **GENDER DIVERSITY**

- Almost 2 in 3 claims overall were for men once again showing that women are under-covered.
- 'Other' causes of death accounted for 1 in 3 claims for men, and over 1 in 4 for women. The 'other' category mainly reflects multiple causes recorded on death certificates, such as infections, disorders, or internal organ issues.
- 3 in 4 accident claims were for men.
- There were twice as many claims for heart related conditions for men than women.







# A SUMMARY OF KEY INSIGHTS

- Almost €300 million paid out in claims our largest amount yet.
- €5.75 million on average paid weekly in 2018.
- Living Benefits made up almost 3 out of every 4 claims paid.
- Cancer was the biggest cause of Retail claims overall up 8% for specified illness cover claims and 14% for life insurance claims.
- Almost 3 in 4 income protection claims were for women.



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Source for all claims statistics is Irish Life 2019.

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